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Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—" How long will this point be under consideration? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" We have addressed the local bodies; replies have only recently been received."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government do not have a list in which the various communities coming under the Depressed Classes are included? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" When the local bodies pass resolutions, some local bodies say that concessions should be given to depressed classes, some say Harijans, some say backward communities; so we want definite information."

Progress of the work connected with the diversion of the Madras-Calicut Trund Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur.

* 700 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the work of diversion of the Madras-Calicut Trunk Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur is;

(*b*) when it is likely to be completed and opened for traffic; and

(*c*) what the capital expenditure to be incurred is in making this new diversion?

A.—The proposal to divert the Madras-Calicut Trunk Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur has been dropped.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask whether there are any special reasons—apart from financial stringency—for dropping the proposal? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I do not think it is mainly financial. I think the reasons given for making a change are not convincing; the existing route has been found to be quite satisfactory."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Is it not a fact that this proposal came from responsible authorities before it was considered by the Government? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" It makes no difference, Sir, from what authority it first came."

Medical Administration

Appointment of medical practitioners with L.M.P. qualifications, as honorary assistant surgeons.

* 701 *Q.*—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any L.M.P. practitioner was appointed as an honorary assistant surgeon straight, and whether any honorary clinical assistants of L.M.P. qualifications have been made honorary assistant surgeons so far?